

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.  
Brazilian: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Weekdays: 8 a.m.  
Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday  
Anointing of the Sick:  
• 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after 8 a.m. Mass  
• or by individual arrangement  
Baptism & Marriage: Contact office



### Priests

Rev. Thuong Hoai Nguyen, Pastor  
Rev. Joseph Tran, In Residence

### Deacons

Thom McGowan: (707)-653-4920  
Loch Sekona: (510)-837-1052

### Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Editor:** Ed Bautista

**Accountant/Bookkeeper:**  
Arthur De Leon

### Children's Religious Education

Lynne Castro-Evans: (510)-501-4894

### Confirmation – Youth Ministry

Gina DeLaTorre: (510)-815-0050

### Adult Inquiry – RCIA

Christine Hickey: (510)-815-6022

### Pastoral Council

Dan Hughes: (510)-253-8127

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Leave a message at (510)-232-5659

### St. John's Elementary School

Principal: Dina Trombetta  
(510)-234-2244 • www.stjohnec.org

### St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.

### St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.

### Sisters of Mercy Convent

(510)-233-6769

## The Many-Threaded Tapestry That Is Marriage

The weaver works from the back side of the tapestry while looking into a mirror in front to see the reflection of his work. Next to the mirror sits a painting of what he is weaving. The back of the tapestry is full of knots and dull colors. In front it is beautiful and ornate. The way a tapestry is made is a great allegory for marriage. Spouses look at the ideal they are trying to reproduce: God's love for humanity, Jesus' love for his Church. It is a sacrificial, lay-down-your-life kind of love. While viewing the ideal, the spouses have their hands on the threads, weaving the right color at the right time to reproduce that ideal.

Those strings can represent the different virtues or

acts of love required by the specific situation of the relationship. Sometimes a spouse has to stop, tie off a string, pull it out, and start over. From the back, it can look chaotic, but slowly the ideal takes shape and the beauty of the tapestry of marriage comes into view.

God will marry us, says the prophet. He will take us as his own, giving us the gifts of his Spirit to enrich us. Together, we will bear fruit of new life in ourselves and others. Trying to weave that loving union with God and others may be chaotic and knotty; thus, the need to repent and try again. But with his grace, the final product, which comes into full view only at the end, will be unique and beautiful.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Tapestry With  
the Wedding of Emperor  
Louis XIV,  
1725-1728  
Artist: Gobelins,  
after a design  
by Charles Le Brun  
Location: Vatican Museums

### For Reflection

*Is God's love the ideal I am trying to emulate in my relationships, especially marriage?*

*God is the main protagonist in my relationships. Do I try to listen to his inspirations?*

*[Jesus said, ] "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."*

*John 2:10*

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Intention**

**Requested by**

Saturday, Jan. 19	5 p.m.	Joselito Asuncion †	Asuncion Family
Sunday, Jan. 20	8 a.m.	Renaldo Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m.	Felipe and Rosita Dy †	Noli Martinez
	11:30 a.m.	Araceli Jabson †	Jabson Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Jan. 21	8 a.m.	Angelo Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
Tuesday, Jan. 22	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Ana Prindle and Children
		For Blessings of Good Health	
Wednesday, Jan. 23	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Ana Prindle and Children
		For Blessings of Good Health	
Thursday, Jan. 24	8 a.m.	Re Mueller Rosko †	Mueller-Mendoza Family
Friday, Jan. 25	8 a.m.	Mary Nguyen Thi Yeng†	Sisters of Mercy
		Ann Reagan †	Marianne Nguyen
Saturday, Jan. 26	8 a.m.	Jim Hickey †	Keller Family

**Stewardship**

Jan 6, Envelopes/EFT	\$ 2,748.00
Loose Collection	\$ 996.90
Second Collection: Parish & School Development	\$ 897.00
Dec 13, Envelopes/EFT	\$2,839.00
Loose Donation	\$1,146.23
Second Collection: Seminary	\$541.00
Charismatic Service, Jan 12	\$287.00

*Thank you for your generosity.*



*Welcome to the Faith*  
Zion Lira  
*Our Newly Baptized*

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Jan. 22: Elaine Welch, Speaker on Mobility and Rides for Seniors. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$4). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

**Let Us Pray for the Sick**

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday  
Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick  
Batiste, Irene Blair, Robert Britto  
Evelyn Canepa, Jeff Chavez,  
Brenna Clark, Jennette Cleadenger  
Linda Crittendon  
Cora Dongon, Mary Dong  
Tami Duncan, Juanita Estrellas  
Eric Ewen, Filomena Giese  
Mike Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau  
Domingo Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez, James Gutierrez  
Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones, Avelina Juat, Tom Kennedy, Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice Lockett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey, Cecilia Mendiola, Francis Mondragon, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Pam Paun, Victoria Payless, Wayne Price, Virginia Randall, Rose Anne, Fely Sabares, Jovita Santos, Linda Schneider Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



The church would be glad to know you. Call or email St. John Church.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But yhr generosity of God knows no limits– the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Is 62:1-5. 1Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11.

**Monday Readings:** Heb 5:1-10. Mk 2:18-22. Or 1 Cor 1:26-31. Mt 13:44-46.

**Tuesday Readings:** Heb 6:10-20. Mk 2:23-28.

**Wednesday Readings:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17. Mk 3:1-6. Or 2Cor 4:7-15. Mt 10:17-22.

**Thursday Readings:** Heb 7-25-8:6. Mk 3:7-12. Or Eph 3:8-12. Jn 15:9-17.

**Friday Readings:** Acts 22:3-16. Or Acts 9:1-22. Mk 16:15-18.

**Saturday Readings:** 2 Tim 1:1-8. Or Titus 1:1-5. Mk 3:20-21. Lk 10:1-9.

**24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration,**  
Daily at the Chapel.

**Liturgy of the Hours,**  
Mon.- Fri. at 7:40am.

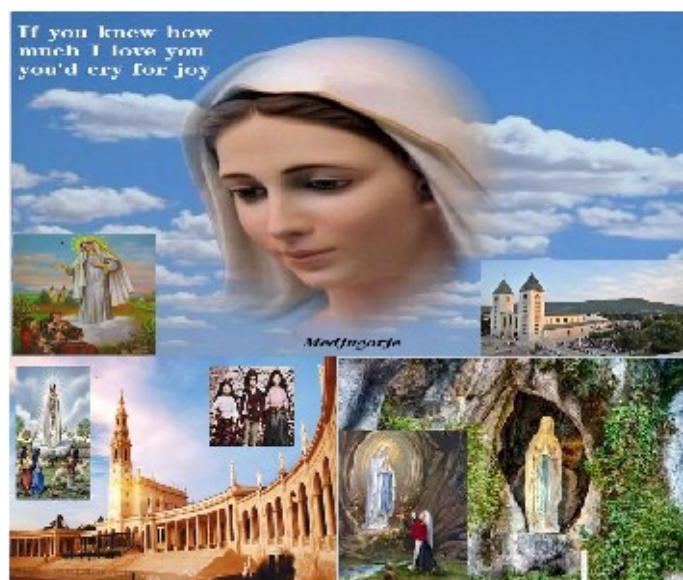
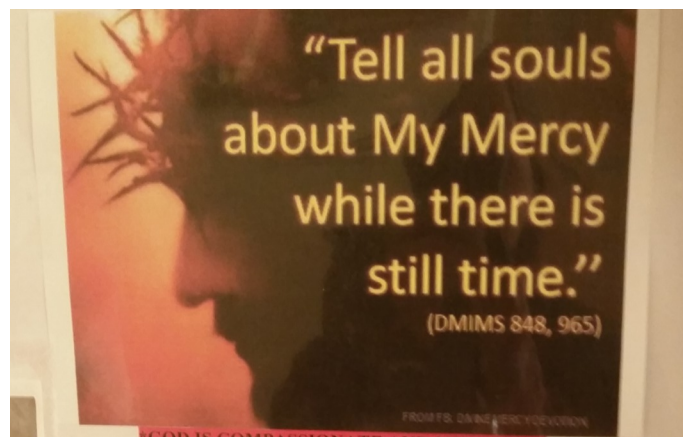
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena,**  
Wed., 8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

**Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet,**  
Mon.- Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),

**Holy Infant of Prague Novena,**  
Thu. at 8:30am at Church.

**Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

**Confessions,**  
Sat., 4pm. Or at an Appointed time.



**A Special invitation to an incredible 15-Day pilgrimage!**

**Marian Shrines of Europe**  
**Fatima, Spain, Lourdes, and Medjugorje**  
**With Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen**

October 10-24, 2019. \$4,499 per person dbl. occupancy. Includes round-trip airfare from U.S. Major Airports, hotels, breakfast, dinner, and daily Mass. For more information, please visit our web at [www.polandmej.com](http://www.polandmej.com)

Local Contact Persons: Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825, Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773

*Hail Mary, full of Grace.  
The Lord is with Thee.  
Blessed are you amongst  
women, and Blessed is the  
Fruit of Thy Womb,*

*Holy Mary,  
Mother of God.  
Pray for us, sinners.  
Now, and at the hour of  
our death, Amen.*



**33 Days to Morning Glory**

You are invited to participate in a total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Best described by Saint Maximiliano Kolbe who said, Marian consecration is “The surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means” to becoming a Saint. We will use Father Michel Gaitley’s book, 33 Days to Morning Glory.

Father Gaitley chose four Marian giants: St. Louis de Monfort, Saint Maximilano Kolbe, Saint Teresa de Calcutta and Saint John Paul II, to lead us through an updated De Monfort consecration. Each week we will study one of these Marian saints and discover the impact consecration in their lives. Join us.

We will meet **Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the Conference Room.

**January 7th** Introduction to Marian consecration and distribution of materials.

**January 14th** St. Luis de Monfort

**January 21st** St. Maximilano Kolbe

**January 28th** St. Teresa of Calcutta

**February 4th** St. John Paul II

Consecration **February 11th** Living Your Consecration

For more information, contact Elizabeth Martinez at (510) 384-9800  
Or Maria Isabel Jiménez at (510) 508-3438.

**Braveheart’s Corner**

33 Days to Morning Glory. St Louis de Monfort wrote a book, True Devotion to Mary. The devil told St. Louis the book would be destroyed because of the great help it would bring to souls. St. Louis prayed to Mary to save the book. It was found 100 years later.

Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary. St. Louis de Monfort, pray for us. Totally Thine. Totus Tuus.

**Prayer to End Abortion**

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,  
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.  
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,

Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death  
by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself

Never to be silent,

Never to be passive,

Never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,

And never to stop defending life

Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,

And our nation once again becomes

A nation with liberty and justice

Not just for some, but for all,

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

**Walk for Life, Jan. 26**

8am. Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Cordileone at St Mary Cathedral, Gough and Geary Sts. A Rally and the Walk follow at Civic Center to Market St./Embarcadero.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
30th Year Anniversary**

Two-day event celebration,

Jan 20, Sunday, Movie Screening at 4pm

“Cracking the Code,” The Racial Inequality, held at El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater.

Jan 21, Monday, The Rally at 8:30am and Parade at 9:30am, convening at El Cerrito City Hall to The Celebratory Program at El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theatre at 11am.  
elcerritomlkcelebration@gmail.com

**Class of ‘68 Reunion, Oct 26**



If you’re a former student from the Class of 1968 or know of someone who was in this class, please share your contact information with Laurie Gaeta. [gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com](mailto:gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com)

**Totus Tuus (Totally Thine)**

Mission Statement

To deepen our relationship with our Lord and Savior by consecrating ourselves to our **Blessed Mother** who, by her love, mercy, blessing and intercession, will lead us to **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** and to share this mission with others in our parish.

Consecration Team

Spiritual director

Coordinator Maria Isabel Jiménez

Organization Elizabeth Martínez

Finance Patricia Maya

Team Helpers

Intersección Verónica, Maria de Jesús, Maria del Socorro Moratalla

Decoration

Technician Richard Keller

Host Elizabeth Martínez

**Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

What parish do you belong to? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you active in it? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in this retreat, or another Marian consecration, before? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Form

Would you like to participate in consecration next year?

Decoration \_\_\_\_ Intercession \_\_\_\_ Host \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

What did you like best about our consecration?

What did you like least?

Comments or suggestions for next consecration?